The Seven Churches of Revelation

A Quick-Reference Chart — Revelation Chapters 2–3

Church	Time Period	Commendation	Rebuke	Promise to the Overcomer
Ephesus	*c. 30–117 A.D.*	Hard work, patience, and discernment of false apostles.	Left their first love for Christ.	To eat from the tree of life.
Smyrna	*c. 117–313 A.D.*	Faithful despite poverty and persecution.	None — only encouragement.	A crown of life; no harm from the second death.
Pergamos	*c. 313–756 A.D.*	Held fast to Christ's name amid persecution.	Tolerated the doctrine of Balaam and the Nicolaitans.	Hidden manna and a white stone with a new name.
Thyatira	*c. 756–1517 A.D.*	Charity, service, faith, and growing works.	Tolerated the false prophetess Jezebel.	Power over the nations and the morning star.

This chart covers the four churches introduced in Revelation chapter 2. Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea (Revelation chapter 3) will complete the set.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." — Revelation 2:29 (KJV)